

The West Watch

Neighborhood Group

THE REPORTER

JULY 2010

**WEST END YOUTH CENTER
20TH AND GREENLEAF STREETS
MEETING 2ND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH**

Next Meeting August 9, 2010

No meeting in JULY

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YES!! I am very pleased with the work that the West Watch Neighborhood Group is doing and I would like to make a donation to support their many efforts such as the newsletter, meetings, and community events



SORRY. I am not able to help the West Watch Neighborhood Group with a financial contribution at this time but I would like to help in other ways. Please contact me with how I can help.

You can make your check or money order payable to:

The West Watch Neighborhood Group
& Send it to:
809 N 20th St.
Allentown, PA 18104

West Watch Block Party

Join your friends at the West Watch Block Party on September 18th, 2010 at the West End Youth Center. Come and enjoy the games, music and other attractions for an enjoyable day.

A Word From Our President

Hello Neighbors:

Want to know the best Crime Prevention Device ever invented?

A GOOD Neighbor!!

To have an effective West Watch crime prevention program in the West End of Allentown, we need strong leadership.

We need volunteers to become Block Leaders. Following are some of the responsibilities of a Block Leader:

- ◆ Encourage neighbors to watch out for and to report suspicious activity to police. Advise them to call 911 or the non-emergency police number.
- ◆ Relay to members on your block all reported crimes and suspect information as received by you.
- ◆ Report feedback from members on your block to the West Watch Board.
- ◆ Monitor crime trends and other problem areas in your neighborhood.
- ◆ Encourage neighbors to get to know one another and also to exchange information.
- ◆ Supply updated crime watch information and materials for members and new members.
- ◆ Greet all new neighbors who move into the neighborhood and educate them about The West Watch by handing out material and encouraging them to attend meetings.

Please contact any West Watch Board member to volunteer as a Block Leader.

Please plan to attend our monthly meetings and participate in the groups activities. When we voice our opinion and communicate our concerns, we can maintain and improve the *Quality of Life in the West End of Allentown.*

Thank You, Gerry Alfano

Block Leaders

The West Watch Neighborhood Group is looking for **BLOCK Leaders**. The block leaders monitors the activities of their neighborhood and assists residents with solutions. If you are interested in becoming a Block Leader, please contact the President Gerry Alfano at gfa1westend@rcn.com or attend the next meeting.

HOME SECURITY

Planning a vacation? Invest some time to review your home's security and to make improvements that will keep it from being vulnerable to break-ins. Before you leave on a vacation, walk around the perimeter of your home and objectively evaluate its vulnerability. Try to look at it the way a burglar would and make changes well before you leave town.

♦ **Turn up the Lights**

Put bright lights over porches and walkways in front and in back

♦ **Lock it up**

All doors to the outside should have working locks

All windows should have working locks

Keep all doors to the outside, sliding doors and windows locked

♦ **Be able to get out**

Make sure everyone can open all locks from inside your home

Don't have deadbolt locks with an inside key. You need to get out if a fire starts. A missing key could trap you inside.

Replace inside-key locks with deadbolt locks that have a "thumb turn" instead of an indoor key

Have windows that open from inside. Do not nail windows shut. Make sure they open easily

If you have security bars on doors and windows, have a "quick-release" latch. This makes it easy to get outside in an emergency

♦ **Don't help Intruders**

Keep bushes and shrubs trimmed under windows so burglars can't hide

Keep ladders stored in a locked shed or garage so they can't be used to climb into your home

Keep shades or curtains closed over garage and shed windows

Keep shades or curtains closed over your home windows after dark

Don't leave toys, tools and equipment in the yard

♦ **When your gone a few days**

Make your home look like someone is there

Do yard work before you leave

Have a family member or friend bring in your mail and newspaper while your gone

Numbers To Know

Police-Fire-Ambulance	911
Police –Non-emergency	610-437-7751
Police—Vice Unit	610-437-7726
Mayor Pawlowski	610-437-7546
Noise Complaints	610-437-7751
Street Lights	610-437-7735
Weeds/Overgrown Grass	610-437-8729
Graffiti Removal/ Recycling	610-437-8729
Sweep Program	610-437-8729
Vacant Property Issues	610-437-7694
Zoning Violations	610-437-4360
Neighborhood Disputes	610-437-7616
Animal Control	610-437-7535

West End Youth Center Bingo

Come join the fun and prizes at the West End Youth Center Bingo night every Monday night at 6:45.

West End Watch Group Web Site

Watch for the updated West Watch Web site now under construction and coming in July.